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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV MAY VISIT SOFIA; KOSYGIN IN GEORGIA

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TASS ANNOUNCED BREZHNEV'S DEPARTURE TODAY FOR NOVOROSIYSK.
POSSIBLE THAT HE MAY STAY OVERNIGHT IN NOVOROSIYSK OR
EVEN TAKE PART IN LOCAL 31ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
OF RECAPTURE OF THE CITY. RED STAR TODAY NOTED
BREZHNEV'S WARTIME SXPLOITS BY QUOTING WARM WORDS
OF BREZHNEV'S FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLITICAL
DEPARTMENT OF 18TH ARMY. TIMING OF VISIT IS ODD SINCE
LAST YEAR THE CITY WAS MADE A HERO CITY ON SEPTEMBER 14.

2. SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT SOFIA IS EVETUAL DESTINATION

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OF BREZHNEV. 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ARE CELBRATED

SEPTEMBER 9. BREZHNEV'S PRESENCE AT SOFIA WOULD CONTRADICT RECENT ROMANIAN STORY (REFTEL) THAT PODGORNYY WOULD HEAD SOVIET DELEGATION.

3. KOSYGIN HAS BEEN VACATIONING IN BATUMI-SUKHUMI AREA IN GEORGIA RECENTLY. ZARYA VOSTOKA ON SEPTEMBER 3 LISTED NUMBER OF PLACES AND FACILITIES VISITED BEGINNING WITH CANCER LAB. POSSIBLE THAT KOSYGIN WENT TO GEORGIA SHORTLY AFTER RETURN FROM BUCHAREST ON AUGUST 24. GEORGIAN LEADERS SHEVARDNADZE AND DZHAVAKHISHVILI ACCOMPANIED KOSYGIN WHICH APPARENTLY EXPLAINS AMBASSADOR STOESSEL'S RECEPTION ON AUGUST 27 BY GEORGIAN SECOND SECRETARY CHURKIN.
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